## Today's News - Wednesday, April 4, 2007

Viñoly wins big Battersea Power Station project. – Hadid handed another Dubai project. – Alsop makes U.S. debut in Yonkers. – Charles Gwathmey adds to his Miami museum. – Nottingham "is having its Barcelona moment" with a new public square "designed to reeducate the city in civility." – A stalemate in battle to save Johannesburg landmarks. – What policy-makers and giant developers still need to hear about green design. – Will Boca Raton mandate green development? – A mega-resort for Nigeria, where "international tourism is almost non-existent." – King tours Union Square with a Hanvard planner, and muses on "Visualizing Density" and Pritzker winner's San Francisco connections. – Shortlist for Gulbenkian Prize just got shorter (why don't they ever name the architects?!!?). – FAT's irreverent London tearoom: "Swiss chalet meets Goldlicks." – Call for entries: International Urban Landscape Awards. – New book by Rybczynski takes on more than traditional neighborhood developments. – "Unpretentious, unassuming, unembarrassed" architecture takes a bow in Atelier Bow-Wow's Tokyo show. – Has a French architect solved the mystery of the Great Pyramid's construction?

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Vinoly to masterplan Battersea Power Station: Architect beats Foster and SOM to design controversial site- Building (UK)

Zaha Hadid to design Omniyat project in Business Bay (Dubai): ...mixed-use commercial and retail project...will feature three low-rise towers designed to resemble a single structure. — DEGW- Gulf News (UAE)

Alsop Makes U.S. Debut in Yonkers: ...hopes to transform a long-unused power plant along the Hudson River...into a sweeping residential complex featuring a museum, restaurant, and park. — SMC Alsop [image]- Architectural Record

Museum of Contemporary Art in North Miami joins building boom with \$18M expansion: ...reflects a surge in museum building in Miami-Dade County. -- Gwathmey Siegel- Miami Herald

Nottingham grabs a piazza of the action: Can the binge-drinking capital of the nation really civilise itself by transforming its main square into a joyous continental-style public space? Tom Dykhoff thinks it has — and there is a lesson here for us all -- Neil Porter/Gustafson Porter- The Times (UK)

Stalemate blocks plan to demolish Johannesburg landmarks: ...Gauteng government precinct and its controversial central square has been delayed pending the outcome of an appeal... -- Fanuel Motsepe- Business Day (South Africa)

Green and Greener: ...what policy-makers and giant development corporations still need to hear...that the building sector plays a huge role in achieving the greenhouse gas reductions necessary to effectively combat climate change. -- LEED; Mazria/Architecture 2030; 2010 Imperative; Dunster Architects; BedZED; ZEDstandards; Michelle Kaufmann; Ray Kappe; Architecture for Humanity; Open Architecture Network; Renzo Piano [images, links]- WorldChanging

Boca Raton may offer incentives to developers of environmentally friendly buildings: Builders support green building initiatives as long as they're voluntary and sensible...-South Florida Sun-Sentinel

Nigeria launches \$350 million business, leisure resort: Tinapa resort...in the lush southeastern state of Cross River, is an ambitious attempt to develop tourism in a country saddled with a reputation for crime, corruption and poor infrastructure... International tourism is almost non-existent...- Reuters

Harvard planner likes 'very basic' Union Square; "Visualizing Density," a new book by Julie Campoli and Alex MacLean; local angle to last week's award of the Pritzker Architecture Prize to Lord Richard Rogers... By John King — Jerold Kayden; SMWM-San Francisco Chronicle

Short list announced for £100,000 Gulbenkian Prize for museums and galleries: Contenders are Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow, Kew Palace in London, Pallant House in Chichester and Weston Park Museum in Sheffield.-Gulbenkian Prize

FAT Camp: The irreverent London architecture firm creates a cloyingly stylized tearoom...Think Swiss chalet meets Goldilocks. By Paul Makovsky [images]-Metropolis Magazine

Call for entries: International Urban Landscape Award 2007 for ground-breaking, newly designed or redeveloped urban space; deadline: May 31- Eurohypo

This Must Be the Place: Witold Rybczynski has written about more than the TND in "Last Harvest" ...provides a behind-the-scenes look into the nature of planning and zoning, as well as house designing, building, and selling.- New York Sun

"Atelier Bow-Wow: Practice of Lively Space" at at Gallery MA, Tokyo...Unpretentious, unassuming, unembarrassed, this architecture is not about the designers' egos, but about creating ad hoc stages for other people to do their own thing — however goofy those things might sometimes seem to be. By Thomas Daniell [images]- Artscape

(Japan)

How to Build a Pyramid: Hidden ramps may solve the mystery of the Great Pyramid's construction...A radical new idea has recently been presented by French architect <u>Jean-Pierre Houdin... -- Dassault Systemes [images]</u>- Archaeology magazine

INSIGHT: Searching for Architectural Excellence and Ready to be Bold: Arlington County, Virginia, launches community discussions on the elements of great design. By Roberto Moranchel- ArchNewsNow

-- Ateliers Jean Nouvel: 100 11th Avenue, New York, NY

- -- Santiago Calatrava: Tor Vergata University (Roma II), Rome, Italy
- -- Antoine Predock: Austin City Hall & Public Plaza, Austin, Texas

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